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For: METHOD FOR CREATING AND MANIPULATING GRAPHIC CHARTS USING

GRAPHIC CONTROL DEVICES

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Request for Telephone Interview

Applicant's counsel requests an interview with Ex. Brier on Tuesday,

September 21, at 2pm EDT. The purpose of the interview is to discuss the §101

rejection of all claims currently being prosecuted. It is noted that there is no

prior art rejection lodged against any of these claims, and the resolution of the

§101 rejection could result in the allowance of the patentable subject matter.

Given the conflicting and changing standards of suitable categories of

invention under §101, it is difficult to know what is an acceptable claim format

for inventions that relate to control and function of computer systems. For

purposes of discussion only, applicant offers a proposed claim that states in the

preamble the computer apparatus and the fact that is controlled via user

interaction with computer display objects to achieve a useful result.

1. (proposed) In a computer apparatus having a processor and a display for portraying computer-generated graphic objects, the computer being controllable through user interactions with graphic objects on the display, a method for creating and manipulating graphic charts, said method comprising:

displaying graphic control devices that are controllable by a user to change numeric values of said graphic control devices;
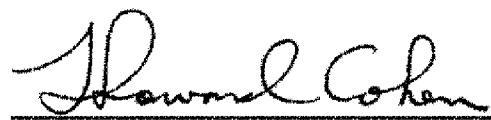
selectively associating each of said graphic control devices to respective numeric settings and text labels so that said numeric values of said graphic control devices correspond to chart components to be displayed in a graphic chart that is being created, including the further steps of;

drawing a first arrow to select at least some of said graphic control devices, and modifying said first arrow to specify a type of graphic chart to be displayed;

and,

displaying said chart components of said at least some graphical control devices in said type of graphic chart, each of said chart components visually representing a respective one of said numeric values of said at least some graphic control devices.

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